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# AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH FOREIGN

**SPANISH POLICE PERMIT TWO PROTESTANT CHURCHES TO REOPEN.** Two of the Protestant churches in Barcelona, which were closed by police action over a year ago, have now been permitted to reopen.

The National Ass'n. of Evangelicals (Wash.D.C.) disclosed that Grace Evangelical Baptist church and Via Verdi (Green Street) Baptist church were the two buildings that were unsealed by the police. The basis for the 'change-of-heart' by the authorities was that the two churches and their congregations moved to a new location'. Two other churches, however, which also were permitted to remain closed, because they 'represent new work resulting from proselytism'. (Like Germany, such things are 'verboten' - ED.)

The Spanish Ambassador Don Jose M. Areilza, in a recent speech in Arlington, Va., declared that the alleged 'persecution' of Protestants in Spain is 'an example of distorted, untruthful reporting by a few American publications'. He explained that 'persecution' and 'control' of Protestant missionary activity' were two different things: 'Spain is overwhelmingly Catholic by history, culture and tradition. Because the 30,000,000 are 95% Catholic, we simply don't want to make Spain a mission field for proselytizing non-Catholics from other countries.' (The ambassador spoke at Marymount Junior College - ED.)

A world-wide day of prayer by evangelicals was held March 15th, last, for 'prayers of relief from difficulties' at the hands of Spanish authorities. The opening of the two churches followed the appeal; 'Divine intervention was invoked on behalf of God's people in Spain', according to the NAE.

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**AMERICA - PROTESTANT VS. CATHOLIC.** A series of reports, articles and studies of the condition and circumstance of Protestant vs Catholic have appeared in the few months in various outstanding publications of the religious field. Some of these are suggested.

Barbara Rembaw, writing in the April, 1959, issue of the National Council Outlook, gave background statistics to the whole South American picture. She quotes Methodist Bishop Sante Uberto of Buenos Aires as seeing the continent as strategic ground for 'phenomenal increases' in the growth of Protestant churches in the years ahead. Another quote came from Dr. Alfonso Gomez of Cuba - 'Protestant Christianity in South America is on the march; the influence of Protestant community is far out of proportion to its numerical size'. And the late Pope Pius XII declared 'the invasion of Protestantism' into South America as one of 'four mortal dangers to the Christian Church'.

Barbara Rembaw, writing in a recent issue of 'Missions', outlined the influence that evangelism has exercised on the program of the Catholic Church, in Latin America. He divided this effect into three phases: 1. The Catholic Church has been awakened to the so-called 'Protestant Peril' by being forced, thereby, into a new birth of obligation and social commitment on behalf of the ignorant millions of that area. 2. The Catholic Church is now, at last, openly advo-



cating greater circulation of the Bible, which previously had been forbidden in the area. is 'revitalizing' Her Liturgy, which means 'regenerating' Her cultus. 4.Rome has issued for laymen to rally 'round the church in an effort to regain Her 'strayed sheep' - this is but an application of the Protestant teaching of the 'priesthood of all believers'. 5.Rome changed Her position towards Protestants; instead of carrying out the order of the day to and kill' the Protestants, She is now endeavoring to adopt Protestant methods of 'Proselyti

- Colombia is still, however, the scene of the greatest violence and bloodshed. 'Christ Today' reported the following news item: On a coffee plantation near San Vicente, Re Ignacio Rovira, 24, led a small congregation in song. 'How many of you are ready to Jesus'?, he asked. 'I am ready to die for Jesus, even if it is tonight'. This was January last. After the service, he sat, with friends, on a porch. Shots rang out. Rovira was his declaration fulfilled. A 4-year old boy also was killed and two others injured by b 150 bullet holes were later counted in the wall. Before Rovira could be buried, his bo stolen. ('Epitaph for a Protestant' - ED.)
- South America has, today, about 5,000,000 Protestants. Over 1,000 primary schools; secondary schools; and 60 commercial and vocational schools are being supported th U.S. and Canadian Protestant denominations.
- Education brings literacy; with literacy, the biggest barrier to the Protestant Christ message is broken down. The newly literate can buy books and magazines; he can the think for himself; thought-control is destroyed; freedom born; progress attained. -

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**YUGOSLAVIA EASES BIBLE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.** The British and Foreign Society has been given increased facilities, from the government of Yugoslavia, for impor Bibles into that country.

Altho no formal permission was communicated to the Society's office in Belgrade, the num of Bibles allowed to reach Yugoslavia has increased from 500 to 1,000 per month. The gov ment has also, according to informed sources, promised to restore the Society it's status importing concern. This would enable it to regain its former level of business, which ran about 60,000 Bibles annually.

- The Bible Society, mentioned, is the only organization authorized to supply Scriptures religious communities in Yugoslavia. - ED.

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**COPTIC CHURCH GETS NEW PATRIARCH.** Archpriest Mina Albaramoussi Elme was chosen, in Cairo, by lot as Patriarch of the Coptic Christian Church, which embraces some six million Copts in Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan, Palestine and South Africa.

He succeeds Patriarch Anba Youssab II, who died in November, 1956, at the age of 78. Th patriarch's name was picked by a five year old boy from an envelope containing the name three prominent candidates, which had been selected earlier by the synod of the Church. ranks as the 116th Patriarch of Alexandria.

The new Patriarch, 57, once worked for Cook's travel agency in Alexandria, but became a in 1927. After living for six years as a hermit in a desert cave near Cairo, he was made a of the Anba Samuel Convent near Maghagha in Upper Egypt.

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**DRASTIC CHANGES MAPPED FOR GREEK CHURCH'S ADMINISTRATION.** New enacted state legislation, amending the constitution of the Orthodox Church in Greece, is be submitted for ratification at a meeting of the metropolitans, in Athens, on May 15th.

The legislation, passed by the Chamber of Deputies late in April, henceforth will allow  
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effect drastic changes in the internal administration of the Eastern Orthodox Church.  
provides, in part, that metropolitans shall be elected for life tenure and shall not be removed from their original diocese, with the exception of the major Sees of Salonika - and Ioannina. The state is also given the right to reduce the present total of 30 metropolitans, thru redefinition of diocese boundaries.

immediate meeting of the metropolitans will, in turn, have to be given final ratification by the complete Synod of bishops, which convenes next on Oct. 15th.

When the legislation was brought into being was due to a recent crisis in the church. In April, a majority of the Holy Synod, acting in defiance of Archbishop Theoklitos, elected three bishops for vacant dioceses. The archbishop was not present at the meeting, and five other members of the 13-man, top-ruling body. The state, when appealed to, declared, in the absence of unity among the top ecclesiastics, the elections were invalid, and the General Synod of Bishops next October.

The Greek Press, in general, has supported the new bill as essential to the 'guarantee of continuity in the running of the Church's internal affairs'.

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**REVIVAL IN KATERINI.** An evangelical revival is taking place in Katerini, which has the largest Protestant community in all of Greece. Many conversions are being effected.

Katerini has some 650 Protestant families, most of whom came to the islands in 1922 as refugees from Asia Minor. The city has a population of 32,000.

Angelos Damaskimides, known as the 'Billy Graham of Greece', conducted two weeks of revivals. He is a hymn writer and singer. Rev. Argos Zodiates is pastor of the church in Katerini and a brother of Rev. Spiros Zodiates, general secretary of the American Mission to Greeks, whose headquarters are in New York.

An interesting sidelight, local tavern keepers complained at the loss of business during the five-week crusade. They fear that many of their old patrons will not come back again, but the new life they have found.

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**BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN.** Orthodox Easter, behind the Iron Curtain, is marked with elaborate and extensive observance and celebration.

In Moscow, police had to be called to maintain order and control the traffic as thousands of people jammed Yelokhovskiy Cathedral, in which the Patriarch Alexei officiated at Easter services. Similar services were held in more than 60 other Orthodox churches in Moscow; the Pskov Monastery in Zagorsk, some 30,000 faithful jammed its halls and chapels. On the outside of all the churches, wherever ground space permitted, tables had been set up; on the tables were piles of kulich (raisin and citron filled cake) and pashka (sweetened cake, decorated with the cross). Among the tables, the black-robed priests passed out colored eggs, as they stopped to bless each family's food.

In Belgrade, Serbian Orthodox believers crowded the churches for Orthodox Easter Services. A message from Patriarch German was read thruout all Orthodox churches in Yugoslavia; he urged everyone to work for love, unity, goodwill and peace. The Patriarch, himself, was on his way to Holy Places in Jerusalem and the Near East.

Today 3rd was Easter Sunday, according to Orthodox tradition, for this year. - ED.

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PAPAL DELEGATE PAYS OBEISANCE TO PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS. Archbishop Giacomo Testa, Apostolic (Papal) Delegate in Turkey, paid a visit to Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras in the Phanar, Istanbul, where he tendered his obeisance.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate reported that the Patriarch received the envoy with favor and high joy.

The visit lasted an hour. Archbishop Testa presented the Patriarch with a gold medal, which commemorated the coronation of Pope John XXIII. The medal was a gift from the Pope.

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GREEK METROPOLITAN APPROVES ATTENDANCE OF ORTHODOX AT REVIVAL. Metropolitan Ezekiel, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Australia and New Zealand, said he has 'no objection' to members of his communion attending Billy Graham meetings during the evangelist's Australian Crusade.

Speaking in Sydney, the Metropolitan said: 'As long as Mr. Graham...teaches...Christianity in general - and I know he does - it is not harmful for my people to listen to him'.

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HEAD OF LITHUANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH DIES. Moscow Radio reported the death of Archbishop Alexei, head of the Russian Orthodox Church in Lithuania. The prelate had suffered a long illness, before he passed away at the age of 70. Cause of death was not given.

- Patriarch Alexei is not to be confused with the deceased Archbishop, who carried the same name. - ED.

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EUROPEAN THEOLOGIANS ISSUE WARNINGS ON NUCLEAR POWER. Meeting in Prague, more than 80 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox theologians issued a call to 'all of Christianity' that 'Hiroshima must not be repeated'.

Countries represented at the conference included Great Britain, France, Holland, Sweden, West Germany, Austria, and the eight Iron Curtain countries of: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Romania, East Germany and Estonia. Russia was also represented.

The conference announced plans for an All-Christian Peace Assembly to be held early in 1962. The purpose of the meeting to be for developing understanding between nations towards disarmament and banning of all atomic weapons.

- The British Council of Churches, in a contrary mood, issued a statement from England that 'we have to live with nuclear weapons for many years'.
- Metropolitan Nikolai, of the Moscow Patriarchate, commented on the British Council's statement, over Radio Moscow, by saying, in part, 'this is a highly strange declaration in direct contradiction to the spirit of Christian teachings and to the hopes of the people of the world.....is it possible that Christians are ready to start an atomic war and risk the annihilation of mankind?'

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MEDICINE IN RUSSIA. According to a recently printed article by Dr. L.C.Fisher of York, Pa., the following points of interest were brought to light:

Over 60% of physicians are female. The doctors are all paid by the state and have no private practice. The general practitioner works six hours a day; the specialists and directors of

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es work five; surgeons work four hours a day. (\*Dr. Fisher is here referring to those  
ke with in such hospitals and institutions he visited - naturally, other situations may  
n other levels, and in other areas, of Russian life that he was not conversant with.-ED)

der blood is used for transfusions. Blood is withdrawn within six hours after death. Two  
liters are obtained from each body. Blood is then typed and studied for various diseases.  
satisfactory, the blood is kept at +4 centrigade. Cadaver blood will not clot; as a result, prac-  
no fresh blood is used in Russia.

ne body belongs to the state, rather than nearest of kin, there is no hesitancy in remov-  
e, blood vessels, cornea, vitreous or skin for use on other patients. These tissues are  
immersing them in the blood of the cadaver from which they are removed.

uff said. - ED.

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ITE SCHOOLS IN KERALA, INDIA, GET STERN WARNING. Kerala's govern-  
ssued a stern warning that it will take over any private schools which attempt to close  
doors in protest against the new Education Act.

ivate school association objects to the section of the new bill that requires teachers to  
ointed from district lists prepared by the state's Public Service Commission. About  
the 7,000 schools, belonging to the association, are controlled by the Roman Catholic  
n, which utilizes the customary 'religious orders' to staff their teaching faculties. As  
forbids 'proselytism', religious instruction 'without consent', use of schools as 'places  
ship', use of schools from being used 'for meetings of agitation against the government',  
serious impediment has been created for the expansion of the parochial school system  
re.

al Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, has announced, however, that Catholic schools in  
will not open in June, when the vacation period terminates.

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US' SECOND RANKING PRELATE RESIGNS. The Holy Synod of the Greek Ortho-  
urch in Cyprus voted to accept the resignation of Bishop Photios of Paphos, who ranked  
to Archbishop Makarios in that Church's hierarchy.

mitting his resignation, Bishop Photios declared that 'special conditions now existing in  
' forced him to resign.

, Mayor Jacovides of Paphos cabled Archbishop Makarios asking him to prevent Bishop  
s, who had but recently arrived in Cyprus from Greece, from reoccupying his See, else  
ster may occur'. The bishop had reportedly received threatening letters from EOKA,  
te underground, apparently because of his opposing political views.

mod announced that Bishop Photios will retain his rank, and perhaps he will be elected  
e other See outside Cyprus. Archimandrite Anastassiou was placed in temporary charge  
Paphos See and an election for a new bishop was set for May 24th.

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Y KILLING' GIVEN SUPPORT BY CLERGYMAN. Euthanasia, or 'mercy killing',  
dying patient is suffering from an incurable disease, was described by a noted Methodist  
er and author as 'a Christian act'.

eslie D. Weatherhead, pastor of City Temple (London), warned however that the responsib-  
r such action must not be left only to a doctor in private practice. The clergyman cited  
als by the Euthanasia Society of England, which, he said, 'has worked out careful condi-  
nder which a patient suffering agonies of useless pain from an incurable disease could



slip away in peace and dignity with the help of a government-appointed medically qualified person.

When asked if death 'should be left to God and not human hands', Dr. Weatherhead responded 'Do we leave birth to God?'

- One observer raised the thought that if it isn't against the law to take one's life by suicide then why is it contrary to allow medically administered drugs to accomplish the same.

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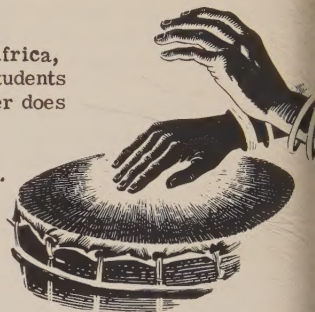
**AFRICAN DRUMS TO BEAT AT ROMAN 'HIGH MASS'.** Sunday, May 31st, will see the novel introduction of the beat of the African drums, during High Mass, at St. Ethelreda's Roman Catholic Church in London.

The Mass, to be offered on the Day of National Prayer for Africa, will be the monthly exhibition for Catholic professors and students of London University. A choir of White Fathers, whose Order does extensive mission work in Africa, will sing the Mass.

The priest, deacon and sub-deacon will all be East Africans.

The younger generation is oft termed:

'the beat generation' - ED.



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**GREEK KING AND QUEEN VISIT ROMAN PONTIFF.** King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece, as a part of their effort in aiding ecumenical good-will, paid a visit to Pope John at the Vatican.

Wearing his white silk robes and red cape, the Pope extended his respect and 'esteem' to the Royal Family. Recalling the time that he served as Apostolic Delegate to Greece, he said his 'bonds he made with Their Majesties noble motherland had not lessened'; he then presented King Paul with the Order of the Golden Spur.\* (\*This Order ranks second among the five papal orders of chivalry)

- This audience was the first between a Greek King and a Pope in 53 years. Greek Roman Catholics number about 55,000 out of the total Greek population. - ED.

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**TURKEY AND GREECE REAWAKEN FRIENDLY TIES.** After some years of tension and uncertainty, the two governments of Turkey and Greece appear to have found a new birth in mutual understanding on matters concerning their two nations. Meeting in Ankara on May 1st for a six day session, the Prime Minister Karamanlis and Foreign Minister Averoff-Tossizza of Greece entered into official discussions with Premier Menderes and Foreign Minister Zorlu of Turkey.

Official communiques, issued at the termination of the talks, reflected gratification of both nations at the complete unanimity of viewpoint that prevailed throughout.

Huge crowds cheered the delegates, whenever they made public appearances. The Turkish Press, while expressing all shades of political and public sentiment in editorials, welcomed the auspicious implications of the visit and expressed belief that realistic approaches to all mutual problems would solve them in a speedy and practical manner.

On the subject of Cyprus, both Premiers reaffirmed their accord with the island becoming a Republic, and also with extending mutual aid to Cyprus for economic development and joint construction of major public works to benefit all inhabitants of that island.

Mr. Karamanlis stated publicly that 'not only will the cooperation between us (Greece & Turkey)



...een joint security, but also ensure tranquility and prosperity for Cyprus and for the  
...and Greek communities in our respective countries.' (In the latter phrase, the Premier  
...aking of the bloody riots that prevailed in Turkey a few years back. - ED.)

Cyprus itself, Turkish Cypriots gave Archbishop Makarios a rousing welcome when he  
...his first visit to Dr. Fazil Kutchuk, leader of the Turkish community in Cyprus. The  
...ers visited for over an hour. Later, the archbishop said that the public and private  
...come indicated the strong desire of both Turks and Greeks to cooperate in the public  
...l-being. - ED.

Premier Karamanlis was decorated with the Holy Cross of the Greek Orthodox Ecumenical  
Patriarchate, in recognition of his efforts to revive Greek-Turkish friendship. Patriarch  
...enagoras presented the insignia to the Premier, at the former's residence, following the  
...y 12th meeting of the two Premiers. - ED.

DOMESTIC



...R MESSAGE SENT TO 375 GREEK CHURCHES IN U.S. BY ARCHBISHOP. The  
...the Greek Archdiocese in North and South America, Archbishop James (Iakovos), sent  
...ter message out to the churches of the Archdiocese, for use in services on Easter, May

...word message stressed the ecumenicity of Christian believing. He said that any perse-  
...against any individual or group, dedicated to peace-loving beliefs, was a violation of the  
...ss of Christ'. He urged all Christianity to unite against such forces of evil - that the  
...eaning of the Resurrection was 'victory of eternal love.....over the forces of hatred and  
...sion'.

...chbishop James (Iakovos) was enthroned, as head of some 1,150,000 Greek Orthodox in  
...rth and South America, last April 1st. He was formerly the representative of the Ecum-  
...cal Patriarchate to the headquarters of the World Council of Churches at Geneva. - ED.

...e Archbishop had previously called on President Eisenhower on April 28th to pay his  
...pects and assure him of 'the readiness of the Greek Church to give all its moral sup-  
...rt to the national policy centered on spiritual views which recognize human dignity and  
...sonality'. Accompanying the archbishop to the meeting, was a group of ten clergy and  
...ty of the Orthodox Church, including Spyros Skouras of 20th Century-Fox; Archiman-  
...te LaLoussis of St. Sophia Cathedral (Wash.D.C.); and Dean John Zanos of Annunciation  
...thedral (Boston). Later, when interviewed, the archbishop said the President was 'a man  
...clear Christian thinking, absolutely dedicated to the ideal of serving his fellowmen'.

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...CA SPENDS 15% MORE FOR SMOKING PLEASURE THAN FOR CHURCH.  
...eans spend about 15% more for cigarettes and other tobacco products than their combined  
...churches, charities and other similar activities.

...S. Dep't of Agriculture said that tobacco expenditures totaled \$4,262,000,000 in 1957. The  
...b't. of Commerce stated that Americans gave \$3,746,000,000 to churches, religious and  
...ple organizations during 1956.

...gross tobacco expenditures, farmers received only 21%; 1957 net profits, to stockholders

in firms processing tobacco, totaled 26% of the gross expenditures. State and Federal taxes on the tobacco products came to 50% of the total expended.

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MEDICINE AND SPIRITUAL HEALING STATED TO BE COMPLEMENTARY. Medical care and the Church's ministry of healing are 'complementary methods of dealing with illness according to a report issued by the annual General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., which met in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The report said that the healing ministry should 'not be regarded as a substitute for medical care, or as a last resort when medical treatment appears to have failed'; but that 'humility and open-mindedness on the part of clergy and doctors alike' must be maintained towards one another.

- In a report issued several months back, two clergy, stationed at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, stated that pastoral counseling in the hospital had proven of great benefit. In the space of 13 years, the counseling staff of clergy has been increased from one to thirteen. All of these staff clergy have to pass rigid qualifications as to their temperament and training. They deal mainly with problems of adjustment, and never with cases of mental illness. (Such cases are left to medical psychiatrists) Counseling interviews usually run for about 50 minutes and are repeated weekly until a personality adjustment is affected, until it is seen that medical aid is necessary. No fees are charged for this service, but contributions to the hospital are accepted, if volunteered.

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FIRST ATTEMPT AT EASTERN ORTHODOX SUMMER RETREAT FOR CHILDREN. The Indianapolis Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches is attempting the first program ever activated in the U.S., by the Eastern Orthodox Church, on behalf of a Summer Retreat for children.

The various cooperating Orthodox Churches, that belong to the Council, have been preparing a group of Sunday School personnel, who will serve as both teachers and counselors. The priests of the various churches will also attend the Summer Retreat in both a teaching and supervisory capacity.

In this first inter-Orthodox attempt, some 65 children will be enrolled for an eight day period from July 18th to 26th. In the age group of 8 to 12, the youngsters will find their time divided into three phases: 1. religious study 2. handicrafts 3. social activities. The only charge will be a \$15 enrollment fee - the Council absorbing all other costs.

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ORTHODOX PRIESTS DECLARED TO BE SECRET POLICE AGENTS. In the Internal Security subcommittee hearing, in Washington D.C., a former Soviet secret officer testified that Metropolitan Nikolai of Krutitsky and Kolomna of the Moscow Patriarchate is an agent of the Soviet secret police.

Witness was P.S. Deriabian, 38, a 15-year veteran of the MVD (State Security Police), who came to the West in 1954. He stated that his original source of information on Metropolitan Panyushkin, former Ambassador to the U.S., in 1953.

Deriabian (D.-Miss.), in making the testimony public, said the 'Communists have forced priests to become agents. Those who resisted were liquidated and replaced by specially trained police agents who donned clerical robes to carry out their assignments'.

Deriabian said that some Russian priests do really believe in God, but cannot become priests, unless they serve as police agents. He explained that this was due to the fact that the seminaries are controlled by Soviet agents, who see to it that the students who do not cooperate are 'washed out' of the seminary.

It is certainly well known that many Russian Orthodox clergy are active agents; but to assume that all are agents is an act of ignorance. Mr. Deriabian, himself, aided in stopping a priest from leaving Russia, - a certain Father Arseny. That there are also Russian priests, active in the West, who are agents for the Soviet is also known to be true. Some of the 'so-called' refugee or 'escapee' clergy are suspect - they are also known as the 'double' clergy. - ED.

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16,629,486 SCRIPTURES DISTRIBUTED IN 1958 - ALL-TIME RECORD. The great American Bible Society announced it had participated in the world-wide distribution of the total of 16,629,486 Scriptures during 1958. Over 201 languages were represented in the total.

In the 3rd year, the ABS has now published Braille Scriptures in Armenian, Chinese and in Greek. In addition, a new Concordance was put out in English Braille.

In 1958 total, over half were distributed within the U.S.A. The Society said this was due to growing interest among churches for special Bible reading and study programs. It added that both secular and religious press had much to do with this increased national interest.

According to the Society's secretary for translations, there are over 3,000 languages and dialects spoken throughout the world. To eventually accommodate them all, is one of the present goals of the Society - at present, there are over 1,000 languages and dialects to be handled in Bible printing.

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ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TO BE BUILT. The Board of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church finally approved mortgaging its property for \$100,000 to raise additional funds for construction of the new \$1,000,000 cross-shaped house of worship designed by the late Frank Lloyd Wright.

The estimated cost is \$975,000.....but collections had only \$327,000. The mortgage funds will still leave about \$648,000 to be raised.



At the ground-breaking ceremonies, was the architect's widow, who told the 1,500 guests at the ceremony, that they had made a 'wonderful choice in choosing an ageless man to give them an ageless church'. She predicted that Annunciation Church would be 'the

most beautiful church in the U.S. and maybe in the world'.

Wright's plans call for a modern adaptation of a Byzantine form of architecture. The building will be circular, with a saucer-shaped interior seating 700. It will take 18 months to construct.

The structure will be topped by a circular blue tile dome, ornamented by a band of blue copper. The walls will be of flesh-colored cement.

- Byzantine art and architecture was derived from age-old blendings of the Hellenistic and Syrian traditions. As such, Byzantine style architecture is basically a dome surmounting a square. It differs, in this, from the Roman tradition, which follows the simplified task of a dome on a circular base. To accomplish their task, the Greeks perfected a technique of a series of tiny arches in each corner of the square base, each arch ascending and extending, further and further, like an upside-down staircase. As these tiny arches protruded outwards, they formed a circle, on which the round dome then fitted. This is the basis of all genuine Byzantine architecture. - ED.

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CHURCHES WARNED AGAINST FHA HOUSING LOAN 'OPERATORS'. U.S. Housing Administrator N.P. Mason issued a strong warning to churches against 'operators', who are offering their services to religious organizations for a fee to help them obtain FHA financing for housing projects for the elderly.

'There is no need for such middlemen in the Housing for the Elderly program', said Mr. Mason. 'The nearest FHA office will be glad to help any interested group.' He added that it is certainly regrettable that real estate 'operators' take advantage of religious and non-profit groups by such misrepresentation. Their method, he explained, was to go to a church group and say 'We will put you in touch with a fine opportunity. There is a federal program that will help you, but it is so complicated that you will never get to first base without expert help - so, just hire us experts'. Mr. Mason said the 'operators' then collect a fee from the church and another one from the contractors who are then engaged to prepare the plans and erect the building.

- The program for the elderly is resulting in many fine housing projects springing up all over the country, sponsored and built by various church bodies and non-profit groups. The FHA mortgages cover up to 95% of building costs, and are designed to be self-amortizing out of rents over a 30-year period and bear 3% interest. - ED.

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INTERDENOMINATIONAL RADIO-TV TRAINING INSTITUTE ESTABLISHED. Organization of the \$4,000,000 interdenominational 'E. Stanley Jones Institute of Communicative Arts, Inc.', to train ministers and laity in the use of radio and TV, has just been completed in Atlanta, Ga.

Established in honor of Dr. E. Stanley Jones, veteran Methodist missionary-evangelist and author, the institute is a teaching affiliate of the Protestant Radio and TV Center on the Emory University (Methodist) campus. The institute's program of teaching will commence this fall.

The Protestant Center, established 10 years ago to produce radio and TV programs, is operated by five denominations: Methodist, Protestant Episcopal, United Lutheran, United Presbyterian, and United Presbyterian U.S.A.

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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STRIPS CLERIC OF MINISTERIAL FUNCTION. The Rev. John H. Creighton, pastor of Old First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, was stripped of his ecclesiastical and administrative functions by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at its annual General Assembly, meeting in Indianapolis.

Mr. Creighton had been charged with 'secretly pocketing part of the money collected for flow'.  
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ganist and soloist at weddings; willful mishandling of church rolls, namely dismissal  
members at the minister's whim; making false statements to the presbytery's general  
and intimidation of staff to protect himself.' It was highlighted that Mr. Creighton  
written confession of all charges.

Creighton has been eligible for a pension as a retired minister, since the first of the year.

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**CATHOLIC GOVERNOR FAVORS 'GIVING' \$2,000,000 LIBRARY TO JESUITS.**  
Governor Edmund G. Brown of California, a Roman Catholic, recently indicated he favored a  
plan of turning over the 100,000 rare volumes of the famed Sutro Historical Library  
to the University of San Francisco, a Jesuit institution.

Samuelowitz, an attorney and former San Francisco library commissioner, in a letter to  
Governor Brown, opposed the proposal. He said 'there are profound questions of public policy,  
also legal questions, involved in locating a public library, to be supported by public funds  
appropriated by the public in general, in a physical environment identified by a single theo-  
group.'

Library, known as the Sutro Collection, was donated to the State by a pioneer Californian.  
It has been stored for many years and unavailable for use, due to lack of funds in the State  
to provide for its proper housing. The Jesuit group offered to provide space, if the  
State would provide funds for staffing it with employees.

More than one way to make a 'steal' in old  
Californy'.....



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**PROFESSOR REPORTED IN CHURCH FIRE LOSSES IN 1958.** Churches in the U.S.  
Canada compiled a remarkable record in 1958 in reducing their losses from major fires,  
according to a report issued by the National Fire Protection Ass'n.

The analysis deals only with 'large loss' fires - those with individual losses of upwards of a  
million dollars. 1958 saw only four such fires in churches. This compares with 15  
fires in 1957.

Church fires of all sizes take an annual toll of around \$15,000,000. The NFPA said that the  
causes of such fires was due to construction weakness and absence of such protective  
equipment as sprinkler and alarm systems. Proper architectural design is the answer to future  
fire prevention, plus automatic sprinkler and alarm systems, according to the report.

Losses of all types of buildings and property in North America reached a record total,  
of \$1,485,000,000 in 1958. The cost in human life was more than 12,000.

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**CHRISTIAN 'NEIGHBORLINESS' ON DECLINE, SAYS ROMAN PRELATE.** The virtue  
of Christian neighborliness is on the decline, according to Roman Catholic Bishop H.M. Newell  
of Denver, Wy. He made this statement at the 33rd annual convention of the Denver Arch-  
diocesan Council of Catholic Women, meeting in Denver, Colo.

The bishop urged the attentive women that they should 'vindicate their faith, not in an  
aggressive manner, that will heighten religious tensions, but by living their

religion and demonstrating its principles in their relations with others - Catholics and non-Catholics alike'. He said that 'to be indifferent to the welfare of our neighbor in need... is un-Christian...'

- A period of time, in mission work, among his fellow clergy in Spain and South America might be time well spent, if he means what he says. - ED.

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LEGISLATION TO LIMIT HUTTERITES IS 'KILLED'. A legislative measure, to limit Hutterite land acquisition in Minnesota to 3,000 acres, was killed in the judiciary committee of the Minnesota Senate.

The Hutterite community in Minnesota numbers a fabulous 75 persons, including 10 families. They own 2500 acres of farm land.

State Senator C.J. Benson, who sponsored the bill, along with Rep. L. Kaercher, described the colony as a 'communal corporation that provides for a communistic form of ownership of property or a communal form of living, in which all property is owned by the corporation'. The bill would have limited the holdings of the colony to 3000 acres.

The Minneapolis Tribune condemned the bill: 'In our opinion, all discrimination aimed at any one religious sect is bad legislation'.

Senator Benson said: 'We don't want to harm them - they are good people; But we don't like to see them take over the whole county'.

- The senator did not say whom he meant by 'we'. It certainly wasn't his associates in the Senate; they voted the measure down in committee. He also did not mention his religious affiliation, if any. - ED.

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35% OF MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE IS LUTHERAN. Lutherans, with 69 members, constitute 35% of the Minnesota State Legislature. Roman Catholics are second with 44; Presbyterians have 24; Methodists with 21; Congregationalists 11; Baptists have 4. The rest of the legislators are divided among a dozen other denominations.

Only one member of the Legislature is a clergyman. He is Rep. Clarence Langley of Red Wing Minn. - a retired Presbyterian minister.

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GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES THREE METHODS FOR LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER. The U.S. Dep't. of Agriculture has designated three methods of livestock slaughter as humane in accordance with the Humane Slaughter Act of 1958.

A number of religious groups were active on behalf of the legislation last year. Methods of slaughter required by religious ritual were specifically exempted from control under terms of the Act.

The three methods are: 1. Chemical - the use of carbon dioxide gas to kill sheep and hogs; 2. Mechanical - use of captive bolt stunners, or gunshot, to kill sheep, hog, goats, calves, cattle, horses and mules; 3. Electrical - use of an electrical charge to stun hogs, sheep, calves, or cattle.

Congress may make the standards mandatory for all meat products moving in interstate commerce.

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AN MAYOR DECORATED BY GREEK KING. Mayor Andrew Jarvis of Portsmouth, N.H., was recently honored by King Paul of Greece for his long and faithful contribution to friendship between the U.S. and Greece.

A solemn ceremony in the Greek Embassy in Washington D.C., Ambassador Liatis presented Mayor Jarvis with the Gold Cross of the Royal Order of the Phoenix on behalf of His Majesty.

Ambassador Liatis said, in part, that the Mayor's contribution 'had been far and beyond the usual of our Greek ancestry. It is for me a privilege and a pleasure to hand you the Insignia of decoration and the Diploma going with it.' Witnessing the ceremony were the two U.S. representatives from New Hampshire (Bridges & Cotton) along with others.

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DOX STAND ON ECUMENICAL COUNCIL EXPLAINED BY ARCHBISHOP. In the 4th Meeting of the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches, which met April 22-23 at Rock Hill Falls, Pa., Archbishop James (Iakovos) of the Greek Archdiocese explained the position of Eastern Orthodoxy, as manifested thru the Ecumenical Patriarchate, would take on any Ecumenical Council.

Emphasized thruout the American secular and religious Press, Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople authorized Archbishop James to state that any participation of Orthodoxy in an Ecumenical Council would be dependent on the participation, therein, by the entire Christian Church.

In his first major address, since his enthronement on April 1st, Archbishop James spoke on the 'Contribution of Eastern Orthodoxy to the Ecumenical Movement'. In his message, he stated that the Patriarch had stated that 'no synod can be called ecumenical unless it is truly ecumenical, that is, Pan-Christian'. 'The Ecumenical Patriarchate', the archbishop declared, is watching with profound interest the development of the ecumenical movement and wants to become strong enough so as to embrace all Christian churches thruout the world.....and to have a minimum representation of the other churches would be their collective representation in the 'World Council of Churches'.

Archbishop James also personally urged that the ecumenical movement 'be brought down from the level of the ecumenists to the level of the people, from the complex terminology used by ecumenists to the language understood by the faithful'. He added that a 'truly ecumenical' movement can be achieved 'by bringing together the faithful of our member churches so that they really know each other'.

Associated with the World Council are some 171 Protestant, Orthodox, Polish National Catholic, Protestant Episcopal, Anglican Church bodies. - ED.

According to sources within the Vatican, the proposed 'ecumenical' council may convene sometime around Christmas. - ED.

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EPISCOPAL BISHOP GIVEN AWARD BY SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH. The Rt. Rev. Marston L. Scaife, Bishop of Western N.Y. for the Protestant Episcopal Church, was recently tendered the Cross of Joanikie, highest award of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

The award, which went to Bishop Scaife in recognition of his friendship for and assistance to the Serbian Orthodox Church and its people, was presented by Archimandrite Ocololich, on behalf of Bishop Dionisie of Libertyville, Ill. The ceremony took place at the laying of the cornerstone of the new St. Stephen's Serbian Orthodox Church in Lackawanna, N.Y.

As to the actual relations between Orthodox and Episcopal, the following quote is from the American Church News: 'The rather common notion that we (Episcopal) have inter-

communion with the Orthodox is inaccurate.....joint services of a non-sacramental character are occasionally held.....In spite of external barriers, we ought to be very much at one with the Orthodox in faith, prayer and good works.' - ED.

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**BISHOP CONSECRATED FOR POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH.** The Very Rev. Francis Carl Rowinski of St. Mary's Church, Chicago, Ill., was consecrated Bishop of the Western Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church of America at the Chicago Cathedral of All Saints.

Officiating at the colorful rites was Prime Bishop Leon Grochowski of Scranton, Pa. assisted Bishop Joseph Soltysiak of Manchester, N.H., and Bishop Thaddeus Zielinski of Buffalo, N.Y.

Bishop Rowinski was elected at the Church's 10th quadrennial General Synod last July. He will serve as leader of the 45 parishes and 12 missions in the Western Diocese. He succeeds the late Bishop Joseph Kardas, who died last July.

- Reunification of the American body's organization with that in Poland is part of a plan that was discussed in Chicago at the gathering for the above consecration. Bishop Grochowski anticipates being present at the Synod of the PNC of Poland, which is scheduled to take place in Warsaw on June 16-17, 1959. The two branches separated after Russia overran Poland and established a Communist government there. Bishop Julius Pekala of Warsaw is the active spirit in the reunification plan, insofar as the Polish branch is concerned. ED.

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**RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA - A POINT OF RELIGIOUS FOCUS.** Ever since the Fifth World Order Study Conference, which met in Cleveland November 18-21, 1958, issued its report, a part of which dealt with the China problem, there has been a tumult and cry in many of the religious bodies in the U.S., regarding the same point.

The actual words used by the Fifth World Order Study read: 'Reconsideration of United States policy toward the People's Republic of China with steps to be taken toward possible recognition of it and its admission to the United Nations'.

Numerous publications and elements of the press attacked the proposal as one of 'appeasement'. A so-called 'Committee of One Million Against the Admission of Communist China to the United Nations' reportedly sent out extensive mailings to Protestant clergy to obtain a census of popular attitude; an additional letter was mailed, over the signature of the treasurer of the 'Committee' asking for funds. (It is not known whether the name of the Committee of One Million referred to the number of members or the amount of dollars they expected to raise.)

The Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ, in February, 1959, set forth the convictions of that body: 'We believe world order, justice and peace would under certain conditions be better served by the inclusion of the People's Republic of China in the UN and its recognition by our government than by continuing the present situation'.

The month of May, 1959, saw the N.Y. East Conference of the Methodist Church express the feeling that U.S. recognition of Communist China and its admission to the UN, provided that the rights of Korea and Formosa are safeguarded, was to be recommended. (\*The Troy Methodist Conference, meeting in Burlington, Vt., also enacted a similar resolution this month.)

In Tacoma, Wash., the 71st annual meeting of the Washington Congregational Christian Conference favored conditional admission of Communist China to the UN; 'conditional' meaning recognition of Formosa as a national entity - unification of all Korea - release of all Americans held in China - guarantees against an act of aggression by Communist China.

The annual General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA (1959) commended the Fifth World Order Study Conference for dealing courageously and honestly with controverted



issues; a further resolution was adopted that expressed the assembly's 'Christian that the day may soon come when our government, in concert with other free nations, with honor into normal relations with the Government of the Chinese people.'

becoming increasingly apparent that the trend of public opinion leans toward the actual recognition of China by the U.S., as well as its acceptance into the UN. - ED.

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ARCHBISHOP STRESSES 'AMERICANIZATION' OF GREEK ORTHODOX. In an in Chicago, Archbishop James (Iakovos) of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South stated that Greek-Americans should be 'Americans - 100%'.

ing more integrated into American life, he said, the Greek Orthodox people can con- important cultural elements of their ancestral heritage. 'I'm going to work for it, ty in the United States, where our ideals are taken from the democratic theories and of ancient Greece'. He added: 'Our craziness for freedom; I think it is Greek in

on juvenile delinquency, the archbishop said that it was rare in Greek Orthodox homes, strong family ties and a deep religious spirit dominate. The one phase of life, however, it needed development was that of participation in community affairs by Greek Ortho- Traditionally a close-knit and isolated nationalistic group, the archbishop said that must learn to be 100% American and act like it in every way.

must congratulate the archbishop for his discerning vision. According to AHEPAN, may dare say that for the first time in the last 37 years, the Order of Ahepa has ed a truly spiritual leader in the person of Archbishop Iakovos (James)'. Apparently, rious leaders of the Greek Community have been more Greek and less American; the archbishop is reversing this trend. - ED.

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GREEK ARTIST VISITS U.S. Polyclitos Rengos, professor of Art at the Univ- Salonika in Greece, is visiting various sections of the United States as a part of the Leaders Program of the International Educational Exchange of the U.S. Dep't. of State.

er Rengos has been a heavy contributor of works of art to over three score individual to international art exhibits, which have been held in London, Athens, Vienna, Paris, Oslo, Stockholm, Alexandria and Copenhagen. Many of his easel works are on perma- lay in both the Athens and Salonika Municipal Art Galleries.

on to his easels, he has done a number of murals in ancient Byzantine style, as well as number of small icons. His murals are found in the Church of St. Stephen in Paris, and churches of St. Catherine, Panaghia Halkeon, Prophet Elias, and St. Styliano in Salonika.

gos has been honored by the French Ministry of Education with its appointment of him 'officier de l'Academie Francaise'. He is being escorted on his present tour by State erpreter George Gianakos. His U.S. stay began in April and will end in mid-July.

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'The Christian Church today is restless as never before in this century; restless as to its adequacy in communicating its message to a restless world, which has lost hold of many of its moorings'. A proper understanding of how to reach the general public, in our modern day, is an essential to every church worker and clergyman. Such tools, as publicity, must be examined into for effective results. So writes the author.

● November 15th is the scheduled date the book will be available on the public market. - ED

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ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY MARKED IN U.S. The Rev. Stefan Feica, of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, Akron, O., served as guest chaplain of the U.S. Senate, as that body paused in its deliberations to mark Romanian Independence Day, May 10, and joined in mutual prayer for that nation and its people.

In New York City and State, official Proclamations, marking the same day and date, were put forth by the respective offices of Mayor and Governor. In these proclamations, the general public was called on to extend sympathetic cooperation towards the struggle of the Romanian people for the recovery of their freedom, which first came to them on May 10th, 1877.

● It was on the 10th of May, 1877, that the Principality of Romania, at that time a vassal of the Sultan of Turkey, proclaimed Her independence. The issue was fought out on battlefields south of the Danube, where the young Romanian army played a noteworthy part in the defeat of the Ottoman Turks. Romanian independence was confirmed by the Congress of Berlin in 1878; this was later recognized by the powers of Europe and also, still later, by the U.S.A. On May 10th, four years later, Charles I, by the will of his people, was crowned King of Romania. Ever since then, the tenth of May has been cherished by the Romanian people as the anniversary of a glorious event in their history. - ED.

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An authorizing the State of Rhode Island to purchase and demolish the Annunciation  
Orthodox Church, located at the foot of a heavily used bridge expressway ramp at Providence  
introduced in the General Assembly by State Senator E.P. Gallogly of Providence.

There is a moral question in isolating the church and surrounding it with expressways.  
injustice', quoth the Senator.

That the church operates a school between 4 and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and that the  
these children is tremendous because of the flow of traffic down the ramp'. The  
at the exit of the Pine Street ramp of the Providence River Bridge, which is part of  
expressway.

calls for an appropriation of \$165,000 for the elimination of the church. About \$15,000  
raised for demolishing the structure; the balance would go for the purchase of the  
proper.

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PROVISIONAL 'STATEMENTS OF FAITH' ISSUED BY AMERICAN CHURCHES.  
statements, which will eventually serve as 'Confessions of Faith' for two separate  
bodies in America, were recently issued.

Commission on Lutheran Unity, which has been studying the various facets of the  
merger of four Lutheran church bodies with a combined membership of 3,000,000,  
proposed 'Confession of Faith', divided into seven sections.

This church confesses Jesus Christ as Lord of the Church. The Holy Spirit creates  
and sustains the Church thru the Gospel and thereby unites believers with their Lord  
and with one another in the fellowship of faith.

This church holds that the Gospel is the revelation of God's sovereign will and saving  
grace in Jesus Christ. In Him, the Word Incarnate, God imparts Himself to men.

This church acknowledges Holy Scriptures as the norm for the faith and life of the  
Church. The Holy Scriptures are the divinely inspired record of God's redemptive  
act in Christ, for which the Old Testament prepared the way and which the New  
Testament proclaims. In continuation of this proclamation in the Church, God still  
speaks thru the Holy Scriptures and realizes His redemptive purpose generation  
after generation.

This church accepts the Apostle's, the Nicene, and the Athanasian creeds as true  
declarations of the faith of the Church.

This church accepts the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Cate-  
chism as true witnesses to the Gospel, and acknowledges as one with it in faith and  
doctrine all churches that likewise accept the teachings of these symbols.

This church accepts the other symbolical books of the evangelical Lutheran church,  
the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, Luther's Large Catechism, and the  
Formula of Concord as further valid interpretations of the Church.

This church affirms that the Gospel transmitted by the Holy Scriptures, to which  
the creeds and confessions bear witness, is the true treasure of the Church, the  
substance of its proclamation, and the basis of its unity and continuity. The Holy  
Spirit uses the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments  
to create and sustain Christian faith and fellowship. As this occurs, the Church ful-  
fills its divine mission and purpose.

and Church of Christ (a merger of the Congregational Church & Evangelical and Reform-  
a, in 1957) just issued its proposed 'Statement of Faith'. The two co-presidents of the  
omination said the statement is a 'testimony and not a test of faith....and that it will  
sion by succeeding generations'. The statement reads as follows:

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father,



to whose deeds we gladly testify:

He calls the world into being, creates man in His own image and sets before him the ways of life and death. He seeks in holy love to save his people from aimlessness and sin. He judges men and nations by His righteous will declared thru prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, He has come to us shared our common lot, conquered sin and death, and reconciled the world to Himself.

He bestows upon us His Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

He calls us into His Church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be His servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in His passion and victory.

He promises, to all who trust Him, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, His presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in His kingdom, which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto Him, Amen.

An examination of the former 'statement' causes one to feel that it has been prepared to satisfy the appetites of a select and diversified list of doctrinally-minded dinner guests, rather than the Spirit of the Creator. The latter 'statement' carries sentiment, based on a simulation of the language of the Psalmist - careful and astute avoidance of a direct reference to the Trinity causes one to wonder if this is a prelude to drifting towards union or compromise with the unitarian type of concept. - ED.

A careful study of the Writings of the Fathers of the ancient church, along with a similar study of the decrees, canons and statements of the Seven Ecumenical Councils should be most beneficial to all church bodies, especially when embarking on the uncertain sea of vague theological winds. The Church Fathers spoke for an undivided Church, in their day. Any future Ecumenical Church, to which the Christian world is apparently striving towards must, of necessity, look into the concepts that these Church pioneers held. - ED. (Unless a church leader, lay or cleric, personally examines the sources of Christianity, how can he claim knowledge or understanding? The volume, described below, fills a part of this need).

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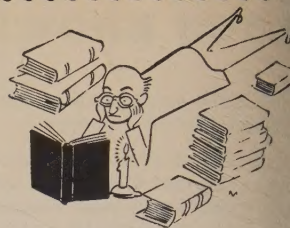
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